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SOVIETS ACCUSE U.S. MEDIA OF ESPIONAGE

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The Soviet media Wednesday expanded its espionage allegations beyond U.S. News & World Report correspondent Nicholas Daniloff, accusing the major U.S. media of working for the CIA.

'The bourgeois pressmen have already long been actively used by the CIA for espionage against the sovereign states,' the official news agency Tass wrote in a commentary.

Tass, referring to an article it said appeared in the U.S. magazine Rolling Stone, said the CIA for 25 years used 'more than 400 journalists from the major U.S. news media: The AP and UPI agencies, the ABC and NBC radio and television companies, the newspapers New York Times and Washington Post, the weeklies Time and Newsweek, etc.'

Tass said the magazine described the journalists' 'secret assignments' as ranging from collecting information to acting as contact men with spies in communist countries.

Tass also said recent comments by a CIA spokeswoman in Washington show the practice continues.

Spokeswoman Sharon Foster said Monday the CIA enacted rules in 1977 barring the use of American journalists for intelligence operations, but added, 'It's not a total exclusion. We don't say you can't talk to us and we can't talk to you.'

Tass said Foster 'zealously, albeit clumsily, is trying to deny the undeniable fact' that journalists have worked with the CIA against communist nations.

'Some people at Langley (CIA headquarters in Virginia) would very much like to conceal the foul methods employed by the American knights of cloak and dagger,' the news agency said.

The Soviet media has been disseminating several stories purportedly proving Daniloff was a spy.

Daniloff, Moscow bureau chief for U.S. News and World Report for five years, was arrested by eight KGB officers Aug. 30 after a Soviet source handed him a package, which the KGB opened and said contained classified information on Soviet troop movements in Afghanistan.

Monday, the newspaper Izvestia released a purported dialogue the journalist had with the source, identified as Misha.

'Ah, here you are Misha,' Daniloff exclaimed. 'Have you brought it?' asked Daniloff in a snappy manner,' the newspaper report said.

'Of course, just as I promised,' was the answer.

'Let's go, then,' Daniloff said.'

Daniloff's wife, Ruth, said when she read the dialogue to her husband during their meeting Tuesday at a KGB jail 'he threw back his head and roared with laughter.'

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Spying was easy, 'Falcon' says

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WASHINGTON—A private firm that performed top secret work for the government conducted only a cursory check on the background of an employee who later sold the secrets to the Soviet Union, the former employee testified Thursday.

Christopher J. Boyce, 32, told the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations how he joined daily drinking parties and photographed classified documents from the highly secret "black vault" of TRW of Redondo, Calif., from March, 1975, to December, 1976.

"On more than a dozen occasions I removed documents from TRW and photographed them," said Boyce, who has been in solitary confinement for three years at the federal prison at Marion, Ill.

The photos were later delivered to Russian agents in Mexico by Daulton Lee, a boyhood friend of Boyce. Lee is now serving a life sentence for espionage. The activities of the two were the subject of a book and movie entitled "The Falcon and the Snowman."

The subcommittee is conducting hearings into the government's personnel security program and problems involved with giving security clearance to more than 4.4 million Americans.

Boyce, the son of a former FBI agent, said when he started at TRW as a \$140-a-week clerk, he was immediately given confidential clearance. At the same time, he said his name was submitted for top secret clearance.

Within a few months, Boyce's secret clearance was approved and he was then assigned to the black vault and learned for the first time that he would be moni-



Christopher Boyce

toring secret communications traffic between the CIA, TRW and other CIA contacts around the world.

"I remember being surprised that I was given relatively free access so very quickly to these supposedly highly guarded materials," Boyce said. He added that he believed that his father's friendship with TRW's security director led to his hiring.

But Boyce noted that he never would have gotten the job if a more thorough background check had been done. He said only his parents and his parents' friends were interviewed and all of them told investigators he was courteous, bright and responsible.

"Had they interviewed my friends, they would have found out I was smoking pot at age 16 and that I had experimented with other

drugs," Boyce testified. "Had they asked my friends what I thought of the U.S. government and particularly the CIA, I never would have gotten the job."

Nor was a polygraph examination ever given to Boyce, although he pointed out that one was given to his sister who was seeking work at a convenience grocery.

Security at the vault was described as a "joke and not to be taken seriously" by Boyce and other employees.

He said the employees called the vault their personal drinking club and even used a code card destruction blender to make banana daiquiris and other drinks.

The liquor was carried into the vault in confidential security satchels, and employees without top security clearance were often invited to the parties, Boyce said.

"On lunch breaks, when our security project manager was not drinking with us, he would often be skateboarding around the neighborhood," Boyce told the senators. "The system could catch a janitor stealing coffee money but it could not hinder me in any way from passing the entire [satellite communications] project on to Daulton and on to the KGB."

Security at the facility was taken so lightly by employees that they would often make phony security badges as pranks, Boyce said. He went on to tell of a supervisor who made a security badge with a monkey's face on it and used it to go in and out of the building.

Sen. William Cohen [R., Me.], acting subcommittee chairman, said he hoped the hearing and Boyce's testimony would serve to tighten security at government contractor facilities. He said that TRW has improved security since Boyce's arrest.